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SUBJECT: RUPEES: A PROPOSED TIMETABLE

REFS: (A) NEW DELHI 13782; (B) NEW DELHI 13842;

(C) STATE 232098

1. WE HAVE YOUR ETI - ESTIMATED TIME OF INITIALLING:
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1973. THIS IS REALISTIC, PROVIDED:

(A) WE GET MOV LANGUAGE IN WASHINGTON NO LATER THAN
SATURDAY MORNING OUR TIME, DECEMBER 1;

(B) YOU GET OUR COMMENTS/POINTS ON THE NOVEMBER 23 DRAFT
(RECEIVED HERE WITH ALL ANNEXES NOVEMBER 27) THIS WEEKEND
(DECEMBER 1 AND 2);

(C) YOU CAN AGREE WITH GOI ON ALL WASHINGTON COMMENTS/
POINTS DURING MEETINGS ON MONDAY AND/OR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3
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AND 4. THIS REQUIRES WASHINGTON CONCURRENCE IN MOV

LANGUAGE BY COB HERE ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, SO YOU WILL HAVE MESSAGE THERE TUESDAY MORNING TRANSMITTING SUCH APPROVAL OR SUGGESTING CHANGES.

(D) BY WEDNESDAY NOON WASHINGTON TIME, TUESDAY EVENING YOUR TIME, WE HAVE FINAL LANGUAGE AGREED UPON BY GOI AND

USG. THIS GIVES US ONE WORKING DAY, WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5/6 TO GET WASHINGTON AGENCY CONCURRENCE ON CHANGES FROM NOVEMBER 23 DRAFT AND TO PUT DRAFT AND COVERING MEMO IN FINAL FORM ON SECRETARY'S DESK, THURSDAY NOON, DECEMBER 6. SECRETARIAT ADVISES THIS ABSOLUTE MINIMUM TO GIVE US REASONABLE HOPE SECRETARY WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY ACT ON RUPEE SETTLEMENT PACKAGE BEFORE DEPARTING WASHINGTON WEEKEND DECEMBER 8. IN PRACTICAL TERMS, ESSENTIALLY SAME TIMETABLE WOULD APPLY WITH ACTING SECRETARY AFTER DEC. 8.

2. YOU WILL NOTE ABOVE TIMETABLE LEAVES VIRTUALLY NO TIME TO COVER POSSIBLE DELAYS IN WASHINGTON (ESPECIALLY RE MOV) OR IN NEW DELHI (SUCH AS ANY RESULTING FROM INABILITY TO AGREE WITH GOI AND NEED FOR FURTHER MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON).

3. APPRECIATE INCORPORATION OF DRAFTING COMMENTS CONTAINED PARA 5 REF C, AS REPORTED REF B. WE TRANSMITTING BY SEPTTEL TODAY ADDITIONAL DRAFTING COMMENTS ON NOVEMBER 23 DRAFT. WE BELIEVE FOREGOING TIMETABLE CANNOT BE MET UNLESS EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT CAN RECONCILE OUTSTANDING DRAFTING DIFFERENCES, AND NO NEW DIFFERENCES ARISE. WE, THEREFORE, WOULD LIKE:

(A) NEW DRAFTING COMMENTS TO BE INCORPORATED IN NEXT DRAFT OR, IF NOT, WE BE INFORMED OF BASIS OF GOI OBJECTION;

(B) NEW MOV LANGUAGE NOT TO BE GIVEN GOI UNTIL DEPT. COMMENTS RECEIVED BY EMBASSY; AND

(C) IN REPORTING ALL CHANGES TO NOVEMBER 23 DRAFT, CONFIDENTIAL

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EMBASSY KEEP US INFORMED GOI COMMENTS/PROBLEMS BEHIND SUCH CHANGES.

4. AGAIN, WE WILL DO OUR DAMNEDEST HERE TO MEET ABOVE DEADLINES. LET US KNOW AS WE PROCEED IF YOU THINK WE CAN IMPROVE ON SCENARIO. KISSINGER

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